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Dear Sirs

## **Australian Stock Exchange Filing**

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I enclose the following document lodged with the Australian Stock Exchange today:

Media Release headed "ERG to Supply Ticketing System in Lisbon".

Yours faithfully

Clare Barrett-Lennard Company Secretary

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AUSTRALIAN STOCK EXCHANGE LIMITED - Company Announcements Office

SUBJECT:

CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT AND RELEASE OF ANNOUNCEMENT

### MESSAGE:

We confirm the receipt and release to the market of an announcement regarding:

To supply ticketing system in Lisbon

### PLEASE NOTE:

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- Use of ASX Online for lodgement of company announcements becomes mandatory from 1 July 2003
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# **ERG to Supply Ticketing System in Lisbon**

ERG Group today announced it has been awarded a contract to supply an automated fare collection system for the public transport network of Lisbon, Portugal. The contract is worth approximately Euro 2.6 million (A\$4.2 million) to ERG over its two-year term.

ERG's partner in the project, Novabase/Octal, is negotiating directly with the transport operator, Carris, and will be responsible for project management, full installation, maintenance, the supply of point-of-sale equipment and ticket vending machines, and software development. ERG will provide the on-bus equipment, consisting of contactless smart card validators, as well as the central computer system and the data communication system to ensure data transfer between buses and the depot via Wireless LAN. The system will use the same smart paper ticket as is currently used in the city of Porto.

The system is expected to be operational by January 2004 with 500,000 smart tickets on issue.

This successful cooperation between ERG and Novabase/Octal follows a previous contract win for the metro transit system of Porto which was the first ticketing system in Europe to use smart paper tickets with an embedded contactless smart chip. This system was implemented in mid-2002.

Norbert Schüwer, Managing Director ERG France, said: "In Portugal, we have previously installed ticketing systems in Sintra, Aveiro and Evora. This is an important contract win as it reinforces ERG's position in Southern Europe. Furthermore, this cooperation with Novabase/Octal may lead to new opportunities."

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

#### Carris

Companhia Carris de Ferro de Lisboa employs over 4,000 people. The company is the exclusive concessionaire for public transport on the 800 city buses and 6 tramway lines. Carris also operates three funicular trams and a historical vertical public elevator.

### Novabase/Octal

Novabase is a Portuguese holding mainly active in the IT-Telecom business. The company is listed on the Portuguese stock market and is part of the PSI 20 Index. Novabase has over 900 employees and its consolidated volume of sales and services was Euro 114.1

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